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## MERCHANTS COULD BOYCOTT WABASH

W. B. Nowell Says This May  
Be Necessary Unless the  
Service is Improved.

## CROSSINGS WOULD COST \$100

No Excuse for the Delay in  
Constructing Them,  
He Says.

W. B. Nowell, a Columbia grocer, who brought to the attention of the City Council the fact that the Wabash railroad had ignored City Attorney Rothwell in the matter of the Machir place track crossings, told a reporter for the University Missourian this morning that if the Council proves helpless to bring the corporation to terms, he will endeavor to do so on his own account. "Feeling in Columbia is so strong against the Wabash," Mr. Nowell explained, "that if a written agreement were circulated to ship all freight possible over the M. K. & T. railroad, many signers undoubtedly could be obtained. "I dislike to resort to that measure, but it may be necessary. The fact that the 'Katy' put on a sleeping car from Columbia to St. Louis, even with the prospect of financial loss, indicates its attitude, and it deserves more favors at the hands of Columbia merchants than the Wabash.

## Service Here Should be Better.

"It is true that the service on the Columbia branch ought logically to be superior to that on the main line, since the branch is much more profitable to the railroad. The receipts in Columbia for less than three weeks would build a handsome pressed-brick station. There is no excuse for the treatment the Wabash gives this town, and I am surprised that the people endure it.

"City Attorney Rothwell tells me that he wrote personally to Assistant General Manager Watts of the Wabash, who is his cousin, in regard to the Machir place crossings, but he could get nothing done. That he has been unable to get so much as the courtesy of a reply to his letters places him, of course, in a light before the public that must be unpleasant to him. Mr. Watts has now left the Wabash, I believe.

## Praises Wabash Cartoon.

"The cartoon in the University Missourian, representing Columbia as being run down by the Wabash while the Council, bound to a tree, looked on helplessly, has caused much laughter. It hits off the situation admirably. But from the character of the interviews from Councilmen in the Missourian, I am satisfied that the Council won't remain tied to that tree long.

"This is a growing town—that's why the Machir place crossings became necessary. The railroad's attitude is all the more absurd because of the fact that Columbia is rapidly increasing in size. To put in the two crossings would not cost the railroad, in my estimation, more than \$100, and there is no excuse for the long delay."

Mr. Rothwell, when asked what legal steps would be necessary against the Wabash, said he could not reply to that offhand.

## ROLLA FRESHMEN ARE PAINTED RED

First-Year Men Submit to  
Sophomores After Night  
in Woods.

ROLLA, Mo., Oct. 13.—After spending the night in the woods, seventy-five members of the Freshman class of the Missouri School of Mines surrendered to the Sophomores yesterday morning and promised to be good.

Tired out with their night in the open, and hungry, the Freshmen sent envoys to the Sophomores early in the morning, and agreed to wear green caps, which were the cause of the class riot. The seventy-five Freshmen were thereupon taken to a store, where all purchased green caps.

Their faces were then painted red, and, bound together with heavy ropes, tied about their necks, the Freshmen were led through the streets of Rolla by the triumphant Sophomores, who were armed with long staves.

There was no school all day.

## UNIVERSITY LIVE STOCK GETS PRIZES

Galloway Yearlings Winners  
at Royal Show in  
Kansas City.

## AS STOCK JUDGES, GET THIRD

Royal Lad One of the Cattle  
to Win Distinction in  
Exhibit.

By a Staff Correspondent.

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 13.—The University of Missouri live stock are taking prizes right and left at the American Royal Live Stock Show, which is in progress here. Large crowds are in attendance, and fine weather prevails.

This is the second largest stock show in the United States, the larger one being the American Live Stock Show, to be held in Chicago.

The College of Agriculture of the University won first on its Galloway yearling steer and calf, each prize being \$15. It won second on the Galloway two-year-old, which was \$10.

In a strong class of fine animals the University took a prize on Royal Ladd, an Aberdeen Angus yearling. This prize was \$25. The third prize of \$15 on the two-year-old Angus was awarded to the school's showing.

## Kansas Students Best Judges.

Much interest was taken in the students' stock judging contest. Missouri, Iowa, and Kansas were represented in the judging. In the team work Kansas won first, Iowa second, and Missouri third. H. P. Griffin, of Missouri, won fifth in the individual contests, and Turner Wright, also of Missouri, won tenth.

The prizes were \$10 and \$5, respectively.

Some questions arose as to the eligibility of the contestants, but after some discussion by the officials in charge of the teams those previously chosen were allowed to compete.

Missouri showed up well, considering the fact that the team has been in training only since the opening of the school the middle of November.

They are not discouraged, however, and their scoring shows that they would have stood better under different conditions. The team will be in strong condition for the show in Chicago in December.

## "CO-EDS" WEEP WHEN DR. SCOTT RECITES

Pathetic Passages of Reading Bring  
Tears to Their Eyes.

Several tender-hearted little "co-eds" were seen to secretly wipe the tears from their eyes at assembly at the University of Missouri this morning, when Dr. J. R. Scott, professor of elocution, read pathetic passages from David Harum. He selected the passages relating to the widow Culom's mortgage, and then it was that the little Freshman girls were seen to wipe the tears from their eyes.

There was a large crowd present, composed of students and townspeople, and the reading from Westcott's popular "David Harum" was thoroughly appreciated. Dr. Scott is one of the oldest professors in the University, and his readings and recitations are popular with the students.

## TAU BETA PI ELECTION

Twelve Men Chosen to Honorary  
Engineering Society.

The following were elected to the honorary engineering society, Tau Beta Pi, at a meeting last night: Goodman Bell, H. C. Feuers, V. J. Chapman, O. C. Schaefer, E. E. Tupes, J. D. Bowles, E. R. Meyer, W. Rust, L. S. Palmer, Angelo Scott, A. F. Porzelius and A. R. See.

See was elected from the Junior class, having received the highest grades his first two years. The members are elected from the highest quarter of the Junior class. There are twenty-four members now in school.

## British Journalist Interested.

Sir Alfred F. Robbins, president of the British Institute of Journalists and London Correspondent of the Birmingham Post, writes for extra copies of the bulletins of the Department of Journalism of the University of Missouri and to express his interest in the new department.

## FIRST STATEWIDE PLAYGROUND MOVEMENT EVER TO BE UNDERTAKEN IS SUCCESSFUL; DIRECTED BY UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

Study of Psychology of Play  
Underlies Work for the  
Young "Social Animals"  
All Over Missouri.

## EPIDEMIC OF MEASLES ONE OF THE OBSTACLES OVERCOME

First Detailed Account Shows  
How Efforts Were  
Rewarded.

## INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT PLAYGROUNDS IN MISSOURI

Thirteen playgrounds were established—two in St. Joseph, one each in the following towns:

Charleston, Shelbina, Poplar Bluffs, Columbia, Lexington, Butler, Lamar, Flat River, Mexico, Unionville, Joplin and St. Joseph.

The cost, excepting ground, follows: apparatus, \$95; director's salary, three months, \$225; assistant's salary (where there was one), \$180 for three months.

The playgrounds are regarded as an extension of kindergarten work.

Some amusements: Basketball, baseball, swimming, basketweaving, swings, story-telling, flag-raising services, "see-sawing."

Some difficulties encountered: Whooping cough epidemic, visitation of green maple worms which frightened girls, class prejudice, fear of tuition fees, financial depression—"conservatism."

Number probably will be doubled next summer.

Final reports on thirteen playgrounds, instituted in twelve Missouri towns under the direction of the University of Missouri as extension work in physical training are now in the hands of Dr. C. W. Hetherington, who had charge of the work. Details of the results of the movements are here made public for the first time.

This was the first Statewide playground movement, including small towns, ever undertaken. It was the first time a university ever undertook such extension work, and its results have been surprisingly gratifying.

Nearly 3,000 Missouri children, who wove baskets, played basketball and enjoyed swings in the playgrounds, probably did not realize that the play was thus afforded for them according to scientific standards of what play is best. They did not realize that study of the psychology of play lay back of their enjoyment. But in the establishment of these grounds Dr. Hetherington's big ideal of physical education took a long stride toward fulfillment. He successfully blazed a new path in the physical and moral education of children.

## Dr. Hetherington Led Way.

The Massachusetts Civic League had already undertaken a playgrounds movement for larger towns. But Dr. Hetherington was the first to attempt it in the smaller towns. St. Louis and Kansas City were not included in his plan, because they already had playground associations.

When a little group of men and women assembled in the men's gymnasium last spring, Dr. Hetherington explained to them in part his plan. He told them he wished to extend the physical department of the University over all Missouri and that this extension work was to take the form of playgrounds in rural communities. He said he hoped to train some of his directors in the class which had assembled. He told them he had chosen to canvass the State, Dr. Royal Melendy, a sociologist from Newark, N. J. Dr. Melendy is a graduate of the University of Michigan and has done settlement work in Cincinnati and Chicago.

The class met every Saturday morning under the direction of Miss Florence Alden and T. W. Burkhalter and Dr. Hetherington's supervision.

## What They Played.

They played indoor baseball, "fox and geese," and many other games, and a student took charge of each game. Dr. Melendy met the class in a short time and told them of his work. He had canvassed many towns, twelve of which were certain to have playgrounds, besides thirty villages which showed playground inclinations. Other towns he left on the first train out because of financial depression or of other unfavorable conditions.

Gradually, through the play itself, the

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## HOW PLAYGROUNDS DIRECTOR TAUGHT BOYS NOT TO FIGHT

Miss Elenor Canny's work was remarkable, for she had had charge of two playgrounds almost a block apart near the McClure Flats in Kansas City. The children were for the most part, those of poor parents, including Poles, Roumanians, and Russian Jews. Miss Canny says that in the beginning the boys bothered her a good deal by fighting, and she tried to prevent it, until one little fellow silenced her with an unanswerable argument: "But, Miss Canny, fighting ain't wrong; my father fights."

"Then," she says, "I made them finish every fight they started, and it ceased to amuse them. However, they always licked every new boy who came to the playground. It was his initiation into the neighborhood. The larger the boy you attacked the more honor it was, according to their code, whether you got licked or not."

## BRYAN IS VICTOR IN STRAW BALLOT

Democratic Nominee Wins by  
Plurality of 113 Over  
Taft.

## 802 VOTES CAST BY STUDENTS

Engineers Take the Contest  
Lightly and Throw  
Strength to Debs.

William J. Bryan, Democratic nominee for President, carried the University Missourian's straw-vote election among the students of the University of Missouri by a plurality of 113 votes over Taft. Of a total of 802 votes counted, Bryan received 364; Taft, 251; Debs, the socialist party nominee, 98; Chafin, Prohibition party, 74, and Hisgen, Independence party, 15.

The ballot was taken by students in the Department of Journalism. Every male student in the University, regardless of voting age, was asked to cast his ballot, the purpose being to arrive at the general sentiment among the students. No vote was taken on the State candidates.

## Engineers for Debs.

Students in the Engineering Department were not inclined to take the ballot seriously. That accounts for the big vote rolled up for Debs and Chafin. On the day before the ballot was taken, the Engineers held a caucus in their hall and decided to vote solidly for the Socialist party candidate. The Lawyers decided to throw their strength to Chafin.

That the large vote for Debs and Chafin does not fairly represent the sentiments of the voters was shown by the markings on about half the ballots cast for these candidates. Carrying out the instructions of the caucus, the student often voted for Debs in the space set aside for this year's presidential candidates, but in the other three squares of the ballot—those for the national election four years ago and the State candidates in this and the previous election—he indicated his real conviction by voting straight Democratic or straight Republican.

## Some Independent Voters.

"Too young" wrote one student in the space for the vote four years ago. He is one of those who voted for Debs for president, while indicating his choice of the Republican state ticket. "I scratched" was the significant memorandum written by one man in the square for the last state election. He voted for Bryan and Hadley this year.

Ten who voted for Roosevelt last year indicated they would cast their ballots for Bryan, while about an equal number showed a change from the Democratic to the Republican faith. "My First Vote" one student naively wrote across the face of his ballot. He voted for Bryan and Cowherd.

## Result Shows Sentiment Here.

Students were asked in the published announcement of the straw ballot in the University Missourian to vote only on the presidential candidates for this year. The result may be taken as a fairly accurate gauge of the relative strength in the University of the two leading candidates for President.

The ballot was taken by the University Missourian as part of the straw-ballot canvass made by the New York Herald and associated newspapers throughout the country just before each presidential election. The other newspapers interested in the canvass are the St. Louis Republic, the Chicago Record-Herald and the Cincinnati Enquirer.

## PHILIP M'BAINE IS DEAD AT HIS HOME

Popular Young Student  
Succumbs to Illness of  
More Than Year.

## WAS SENIOR IN THE UNIVERSITY

In Invalid's Chair, He Was  
Familiar Figure at  
Football Games.

Philip Sheridan McBaine, son of the late Turner McBaine and one of the most popular students in the University of Missouri, died at 9 o'clock last night at his home, 206 College avenue. He had been ill since last August of neuritis and asthma but of late had seemed to be improving.

Already known to the older students of the University, "Phil" had become a familiar figure to the entire student body at the football games this season. At both the Warrensburg and the Rolla games he was wheeled up and down the sidelines in an invalid's chair, intently watching each play. Last Sunday afternoon he was taken out in the chair and shook hands with many friends on the streets. He thought then that he was recovering.

## Senior in University.

"Phil"—for so he was known throughout the town and University—was 20 years old and a Senior Academic student. The town of McBaine in Boone county was named for his family. His father, a wealthy banker and stockman of Columbia, died about a year ago. Philip is survived by his step-mother, two brothers, Dr. Richard H. McBaine, of New York, and J. P. McBaine, a lawyer; a sister, Miss Mildred McBaine, and a half-sister.

Dr. McBaine was in Columbia ten days ago to perform an operation on his brother and at that time was hopeful of his recovery. Both he and J. P. McBaine are graduates of the University of Missouri.

## Eulogized by Teacher.

"Phil was one of the finest types of the American boy that I have known," said Prof. L. M. Defoe, one of his teachers in the University, on hearing of his death yesterday.

Members of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, of which he was a member, will wear crepe over their badges as a token of sorrow.

Funeral arrangements will not be made till word is received from Dr. McBaine in New York.

## SUNBEAM TROLLEY TO HELP FOOTBALL AND FARM PRODUCTS

Promoter Reeder Promises That Line  
Will Be Working Well  
Tomorrow.

The Sunbeam Trolley line now seems to be assured. This line will be especially advantageous to farm and football products. Promoter Reeder offers his opinion of the prospects for the line as follows:

"Fair and warmer tonight and Wednesday."

The temperature at 6 a. m. was 33; at 2 p. m., 75 degrees.

## Miss Todd's New Position.

Miss Todd has been appointed to a position in the Presbyterian College for Women at Charlotte, North Carolina, of which Rev. Dr. J. R. Bridges, formerly pastor of the Columbia Presbyterian Church, is president.

## BALLOON ST. LOUIS DROPS INTO OCEAN; AERONAUTS SAVED

Pilot and His Assistant,  
Caught in Rigging, Nearly  
Drown in International  
Race from Berlin.

## ACCIDENT SEEN BY GERMAN STEAMER, WHICH GOES TO AID

Sudden Wind Had Driven  
Gas Bag Off Shore of  
Heligoland.

By United Press.  
BERLIN, Oct. 13.—The balloon St. Louis, one of the three American contestants in the international balloon race which started here yesterday, fell into the North Sea today. The aeronauts, enveloped in the gas bag and nearly dead were rescued by the German steamer Langerood, which saw the accident.

The balloon was occupied by H. N. Arnold, pilot, and H. G. Hewatt, his assistant. During the night a sudden change of wind drove the balloon seaward without their knowledge. They did not know they were near the ocean until this morning when they saw the waves beneath them.

## Thirty Miles from Land.

Then they threw over their ballast, apparatus, food and clothing, but the balloon shot down into the water. The steamer saw the accident from a distance and rushed to the rescue. The balloon was thirty miles off the shore of Heligoland at the time.

This is the third accident of the race. The Conqueror, another of the American entries, exploded when 4,000 feet in the air and the occupants narrowly escaped death. The Spanish balloon Mantana fell last night.

## FLEET BOATS SEARCH NORTH SEA FOR LOST AERONAUTS

By United Press.  
BERLIN, Oct. 13.—The English balloon, Banshee, piloted by John Dunville, launched at Denmark 300 miles from the start today. It is expected to be the winner in the great race. Several balloons are unreported. It is feared they have been swept seaward. Fleet boats are searching the North Sea.

## Wright to Try to Fly Again.

By United Press.  
LEMAN, France, Oct. 13.—Wilbur Wright announced today that he intended to attempt another aeroplane flight. The new machine has wings attached, but the motor is to be discarded. Wright said that he felt certain that his next flight would be at about 3,000 feet height, in comparison with 75 feet, his former record.

The Journal of Paris, today appealed to the Government to decorate Wright with the Legion of Honor in recognition of his success in aerial navigation.

## ABRUZZI SEES NO HOPE OF MARRIAGE

Duke's Engagement to Miss  
Elkins is Believed to  
Be Broken.

By United Press.  
ROME, Oct. 13.—The announcement that the engagement of Miss Katherine Elkins, daughter of United States Senator Elkins, to the Duke of Abruzzi, has been broken is generally accepted as true in court circles here. Constant discussion of the engagement in Europe and America is believed to be the cause. It is understood that even the Duke of Abruzzi, who has defied all opposition to the marriage, now appreciates the hopelessness of the situation.

## MOTHER OF MISS ELKINS DENIES THE ENGAGEMENT

WHEELING, W. Va., Oct. 13.—"No, my daughter is not engaged to the Duke of Abruzzi, or to any other man," said Mrs. Stephen B. Elkins, when questioned upon the subject of Miss Katherine Elkins' engagement.

"She has never been engaged, and when she is the public will be given the facts. All this talk is silly nonsense."